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Via Hand Delivery

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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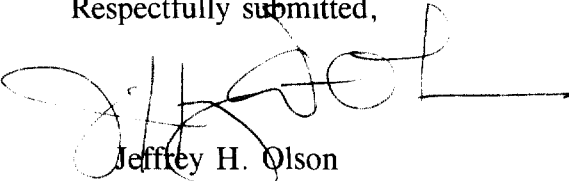
Re: Ex Parte File Nos. 48-SAT-P/LA-97, 89-SAT-AMEND-97, RM No. 9147

Dear Ms. Salas:

On September 11 and September 14, 1998, Mark MacGann and Guy Christiansen of SkyBridge L.P., and the undersigned of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, met with the following individuals for the purpose of discussing issues relating to the above-referenced matters: Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth and his legal advisor, Kevin Martin; Commissioner Powell and his legal advisor, Peter Tenhula; Ari Fitzgerald, legal advisor to Chairman Kennard; Daniel Connors, Jr., legal advisor to Commissioner Ness; Richard Engelman, Chief of the International Bureau's ("IB") Planning and Negotiations Division; and the following members of the IB and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff: Kimberly Baum, Alexandra Field, Jennifer Gilseman, Edward Jacobs, and Maureen McLaughlin. The attached handout was distributed at the meetings.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey H. Olson
Attorney for SkyBridge L.P.

Attachments

cc: Attached List

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Meeting Attendees:

Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth
Kevin J. Martin, Esq., Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth
Commissioner Michael K. Powell
Peter A. Tenhula, Esq., Legal Advisor to Commissioner Powell
Ari Fitzgerald, Esq., Legal Advisor to Chairman Kennard
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Jennifer Gilsenan, International Bureau
Edward Jacobs, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Maureen McLaughlin, International Bureau

SKYBRIDGE CHRONOLOGY

- Feb. 1997 - Application filed with FCC proposing a 64-satellite Ku-band NGSO-FSS system, to provide global high-speed, broadband services, using a unique spectrum sharing technology that will enable SkyBridge to use Ku-band without causing interference to co-frequency GSO FSS, DBS and FS systems.
- Mar.-June 1997 - Senior SkyBridge engineering team holds “road show” meetings with FCC staff and Ku-band licensees to explain sharing methodology and respond to questions.
- July 1997 - Application amended to expand sharing methodology showing, based on feedback from FCC staff and Ku-band licensees.
- July 1997 - At request of FCC staff, SkyBridge files petition for rulemaking (RM-9147) proposing regulatory scheme to accommodate SkyBridge and other NGSO satellite systems at Ku-band.
- July 1997 - FCC issues public notice requesting comments on petition for rulemaking. Comment period concluded September 1997.
- August 1997 - FCC issues public notice accepting SkyBridge application for filing; sets due date for petitions/comments in mid-December, after conclusion of WRC-97.
- Nov. 1997 - WRC-97 adopts changes to ITU regulations necessary to facilitate SkyBridge (and other NGSO) operations, including adoption of provisional “PFD” (power flux density) limits.
- Mar. 1998 - Pleading cycle regarding SkyBridge application concluded.
- Apr.-May 1998 - Further “road show” technical meetings with FCC staff and Ku-band licensees.
- July 1998 - Application amended to expand system to 80 satellites. Interference/sharing analysis unaffected; SkyBridge preparing additional studies regarding same.
- July 1998 - International WRC-2000 preparatory meetings make progress toward confirming WRC-97 provisional PFD limits. SkyBridge technical representatives continue to work with Ku-band licensees and FCC staff to examine provisional PFDs.
- Aug. 1998 - Further “road show” meetings.

THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE FCC:

1. ISSUE A “CUT-OFF” PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRING OTHER PROSPECTIVE KU-BAND NGSO-FSS APPLICANTS TO COME FORWARD.
2. ISSUE A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO FASHION RULES THAT WILL PERMIT NGSO-FSS SYSTEMS TO OPERATE WHILE PROTECTING GSO-FSS, DBS AND FS SYSTEMS.